

your light is on. Further discussion? The motion has been made to advance LB 286 to E & R engrossing. All in favor say aye. Opposed. It is advanced. Let me pause one second to introduce guests of Senator Janssen, his son Nick, Nick's wife, Susan, and grandchildren, Alex and Lauren, are here from Hooper, Nebraska. If you would all stand and be recognized, please. LB 941.

CLERK: LB 941, I have E & R amendments pending, Senator.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, I would move the E & R amendments be adopted.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The motion is to adopt the E & R amendments. All in favor say aye. Opposed. They are adopted. Anything else on the bill?

CLERK: Senator Bromm would move to amend. (See AM3691 found on page 1127 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. After this bill went through a committee hearing with really no questions or opposition, lots of support, and on General File with lots of support, there were questions that arose primarily from the banking area about whether or not, in effect, by raising the energy loan limit that a utility could make might, at some point, come into play with the job the banks do in terms of lending, might come into...actually come into competition. I am glad the question was raised because it resulted in a lot of good discussion between the people that might utilize this program, the utilities, and the bankers, and my amendment is basically something that both sides I think are real comfortable with, and I certainly am, and, basically, it does two things, and I think they are both fairly significant. First of all, it makes it clear that if a utility participates in this energy grant loan program that that utility cannot supply or install the energy conservation measures under its own organization, or it can't have an ownership interest in any organization that does sell the energy conserving furnace or air conditioner, nor could it be involved in getting paid for the installation. That removes any possibility of a utility taking advantage of the program in what would be an unfair manner, and I am really